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H.B. No. 3379

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to groundwater conservation districts regulation of groundwater use by political subdivisions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 36, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 36.003 to read as follows:

Sec. 36.003. APPLICABILITY OF GROUNDWATER REGULATIONS. All persons, entities, and political subdivisions of the state are subject to groundwater regulation under this chapter, except as exempted under Section 36.117.

SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 36, Water Code, Section 36.102 is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

Sec. 36.102. ENFORCEMENT OF RULES. (a) A district may enforce this chapter and its rules by injunction, mandatory injunction, or other appropriate remedy in a court of competent jurisdiction.

(b) The board by rule may set reasonable civil penalties for breach of any rule of the district not to exceed \$10,000 per day per violation, and each day of a continuing violation constitutes a separate violation.

(c) A penalty under this section is in addition to any other penalty provided by the law of this state and may be enforced by complaints filed in the appropriate court of

1 jurisdiction in the county in which the district's principal  
2 office or meeting place is located.

3 (d) If the district prevails in any suit to enforce its  
4 rules, the district may seek and the court shall grant, in the  
5 same action, recovery for attorney's fees, costs for expert  
6 witnesses, and other costs incurred by the district before the  
7 court. The amount of the attorney's fees shall be fixed by the  
8 court.

9 (e) Sovereign immunity to suit is waived for all political  
10 subdivisions of the state for the purpose of enforcement of this  
11 chapter and district rules.

12 SECTION 3. The legislature finds that a political  
13 subdivision was subject to groundwater regulation under this  
14 chapter prior to the effective date of this Act.

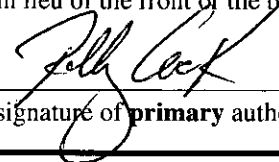
15 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it  
16 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each  
17 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas  
18 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary  
19 for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2007.


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COAUTHOR AUTHORIZATION

(please request your coauthors to sign this form  
in lieu of the front or the back of the original bill)

Bill or Resolution Number: HB 3379

  
signature of primary author

  
printed name of primary author

3/08/07  
Date

PERMISSION TO SIGN HB 3379 HAS BEEN GIVEN TO (check only one of the following):  
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☒ ALL REPRESENTATIVES  
☐ THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTATIVE(S):

I authorize the Chief Clerk to include my name as a coauthor of the legislation indicated above:

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MAR 20 2007

Read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources

Reported \_\_\_\_\_ favorably (as amended)  
(as substituted)

Sent to Committee on (Calendars)  
(Local & Consent Calendars)

Read second time (comm. subst.) (amended); passed to third reading (failed) by a (non-record vote)  
(record vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_\_\_ present, not voting)

Constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days suspended (failed to suspend) by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_\_\_ present, not voting

Read third time (amended); finally passed (failed to pass) by a (non-record vote)  
(record vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_\_\_ present, not voting)

Engrossed

Sent to Senate

CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE

**OTHER HOUSE ACTION:**

Received from the House

Read and referred to Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

Reported favorably \_\_\_\_\_

Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time

Ordered not printed

Laid before the Senate

Senate and Constitutional Rules to permit consideration suspended by (unanimous consent)  
(\_\_\_\_\_ years, \_\_\_\_\_ days)

Read second time, \_\_\_\_\_, and passed to third reading by (unanimous consent)  
(a viva voce vote)  
(\_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays)

Senate and Constitutional 3 Day Rules suspended by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays

Read third time, \_\_\_\_\_, and passed by a (viva voce vote)  
(\_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays)

### Returned to the House

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

**OTHER SENATE ACTION:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Returned from the Senate (as substituted)  
(with amendments)

\_\_\_\_\_ House concurred in Senate amendments by a (non-record vote)  
(record vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_\_\_ present, not voting)

\_\_\_\_\_ House refused to concur in Senate amendments and requested the appointment of a conference committee  
by a (non-record vote) (record vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_\_\_ present, not voting)

\_\_\_\_\_ House conferees appointed: \_\_\_\_\_, Chair; \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Senate granted House request. Senate conferees appointed: \_\_\_\_\_, Chair;  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Conference committee report adopted (rejected) by the House by a (non-record vote)  
(record vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_\_\_ present, not voting)

\_\_\_\_\_ Conference committee report adopted (rejected) by the Senate by a (viva voce vote)  
(record vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays)